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outer cover layer with a Shore D hardness of no more than 50 and more preferably no more than 48.

Page 9, line 8, change "ga" to --a--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 5, 16, 25, 26, 30 and 31 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 8 - 10, 14, 19, 34 and 37 as follows:

/X (Amended) A golf ball, comprising:

a solid core;

[an] a thermoplastic inner cover layer having a Shore D hardness of at least 65  
formed over the core, and

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an outer cover layer formed over the inner cover layer, the outer cover layer  
comprising an ionomeric resin, more than 75 wt% of the ionomeric resin consisting of  
one or more copolymers, each of which is formed from (a) an olefin having 2 to 8  
carbon atoms, (b) an unsaturated monomer of the acrylate ester class having from 1  
to 21 carbon atoms, and (c) an acid which includes at least one member selected from  
the group consisting of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acids with  
a portion of the acids being neutralized with cations, the outer cover layer having a  
Shore D hardness of no more than [55] 50 and a flex modulus of 1,000 to 10,000 psi,  
the golf ball having a PGA compression of 100 or less and a coefficient of restitution  
of at least 0.770.

Claim 8, line 1, change "5" to --1--.

6 9. (Amended) A golf ball according to claim [5] 1, wherein the ionomeric resin contains at least 80 wt % of said one or more copolymers.

B<sup>3</sup> 10. (Amended) A golf ball according to claim [5] 1, wherein the ionomeric resin contains at least 90 wt % of said one or more copolymers.

[ Claim 14, line 1, change "or" to --of--.

19 19. (Amended) A golf ball, comprising:

a core,

[an] a thermoplastic inner cover layer having a Shore D hardness of at least 65

B<sup>4</sup> formed over said core, and

an outer cover layer formed over said inner cover layer, said outer cover layer having a Shore D hardness of no more than 48 [about 50], the golf ball having a PGA compression of 90 or less and a coefficient of restitution of at least 0.780.

[ Claim 34, line 4, change "an" to --a thermoplastic--.

38 37. (Amended) A method of making a golf ball having a core, an inner cover layer and an outer cover layer, comprising the steps of:

B<sup>5</sup> obtaining a golf ball core,

forming a thermoplastic [an] inner cover layer having a Shore D hardness of at least 65 over the core, and

forming an outer cover layer over the inner cover layer, the outer cover layer having a Shore D hardness of no more than about 48 [55], the golf ball having a PGA compression of 100 or less and a coefficient of restitution of at least 0.770.

Please add new claims 39 - 47 as follows:

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~~39~~. A golf ball according to claim 34, wherein the outer cover layer comprises an ionomeric resin, more than 75 wt % of the ionomeric resin consisting of one or more copolymers, each of which is formed from (a) an olefin having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, (b) an unsaturated monomer of the acrylate ester class having from 1 to 21 carbon atoms, and (c) an acid which includes at least one member selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acids with a portion of the acid being neutralized with cations.

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~~40~~. A golf ball according to claim ~~19~~, wherein the inner cover layer has a Shore D hardness of at least 68.

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~~41~~. A golf ball according to claim ~~40~~, wherein the outer cover layer has a Shore D hardness of about 46.

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~~42.~~ A golf ball according to claim 1, wherein the inner cover layer comprises high acid ionomer resin.

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~~43.~~ A golf ball according to claim 1, wherein the outer cover layer has a Shore D hardness of no more than 48.

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~~44.~~ A golf ball according to claim ~~43~~, wherein the outer cover layer has a Shore D hardness of at least 68.

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~~45.~~ A golf ball according to claim 1, wherein the inner cover layer comprises ionomer.

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~~46.~~ A golf ball according to claim ~~38~~, wherein the inner cover layer comprises ionomer.

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~~47.~~ A golf ball according to claim ~~46~~, wherein the inner cover layer comprises ionomer.--

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#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

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